

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification from page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 16 beginning with “[Brief Description of Drawings]” and replace with the following amended paragraphs:

~~[Brief Description of Drawings]~~ Brief Description of the Drawings

~~[Fig. 1]~~ An Fig. 1 shows an information processing apparatus which comprises a touch-pad and is able to be used in the present invention:;

~~[Fig. 2]~~ An Figs. 2a and 2b show an embodiment of an input element of the present invention:;

~~[Fig. 3]~~ A Figs. 3a and 3b show a method of the present invention for making inputs to an information processing apparatus:;

~~[Fig. 4]~~ A Fig. 4 shows a construction of a pointing device for an information processing apparatus with a conventional touch-pad:; and

Fig. 5 shows a general perspective view of a conventional notebook type personal computer.

~~[Description of Numerals]~~

10-information processing apparatus

12-display part

14-case

16-keyboard

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18-touch-pad

20a, 20b-button

22, 22b-pointer

24-icon

26-input element

28-grip part

30-pad contact part

30a-ball shaped part

30b-contact face

30c-connection part

32-clip part

34-inner space

36-engaging member

38-inner face

40-retainer space